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Claims

1. A process for producing compacted free-flowing lacquer raw materials based on nitrocellulose, characterised in that the lacquer raw material, which is moistened with alcohol or water, is pressed through a die provided with holes.

2. A process according to claim 1, characterised in that the pressing ratio P

$$P = \frac{\text{length of bore}}{\text{diameter of bore}} = 0.5 - 5.0, \text{ and preferably ranges between } 0.5 \text{ and } 3.0.$$

3. A process according to either one of claims 1 or 2, characterised in that the lacquer raw material is pressed through the die holes by means of one or more circulating breakers.

4. A process according to either one of claims 1 or 2, characterised in that the lacquer raw material is pressed through the die holes by means of one or more oscillating wheels.

5. A process according to any one of claims 1 to 4, characterised in that the compacted lacquer raw material is sheared off below the die into pieces of the desired length.

6. A process for producing lacquer raw materials in the form of granules, characterised in that the nitrocellulose, which is moistened with water or alcohol and which is used as the lacquer raw material, has a nitrogen content $\leq 12.6\%$.

7. A compacted, free-flowing lacquer raw material based on nitrocellulose, obtainable by a process according to any one of claims 1 to 6.

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